GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2483
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CODE OF ETHICS IN DOCTORS PROFESSIONS
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2498 dated 5.12.2001 and state:

(a) whether the Government have since finalized the regulations on Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics for medical practitioners;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Indian Medical Council (Professional conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002 have been published in the Official Gazette dated 6th April, 2002. These Regulations, inter-alia, indicates the acts of commission or omission on the part of a doctor which shall constitute professional misconduct or unethical acts rendering him/her liable for disciplinary actions. As per these Regulations, the Medical Council of India or the State Medical Councils are empowered to award such punishment as deemed necessary or even removal of the name of any registered practitioner from the Register altogether or for a specified period in respect of any act of violation of the provisions of the Regulations which may be brought before it, after conducting an enquiry.